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## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Since September	Ludwig Maximilian University, Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society
2016	Principal Investigator DFG Emmy-Noether Research Group "Hazardous
	Travels. Ghost Acres and the Global Waste Economy"
2013 - 2016	Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg, Dept. of History Assistant Professor for North American History.
August 2015	University of Konstanz, Dept. of History
	W-1 Assistant Professor with Tenure Track for Economic History, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
March 2013 -	German Historical Institute, Washington D.C., USA
August 2013	Research Fellow for North American History.
October	Freie Universität Berlin, John F. Kennedy Institute for North American
2011-March 2013	Studies, Dept. of History Assistant Professor for North American History.
2008-2011	<i>PhD candidate</i> , German Research Foundation research network "Actors of Cultural Globalization, 1860-1930."
2005-2008	Julius-Maximilians University of Würzburg, Dept. of Franconian Regional History Student Assistant for Professor Helmut Flachenecker
	Dept. of American Studies, Teaching Assistant.
July-October 2006	Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA Research Assistant to Professor Charles Maier, (DAAD fellowship).

## **EDUCATION**

2008-2012	Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies. History Dept. PhD, Thesis: "The Class of 1866 and the Wiring of the World. Telegraphic
	Networks in Maritime Space, 1858-1914."  Joint Advisors: M. Michaela Hampf and Sebastian Conrad.  Thesis awarded <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .
2002-2008	Julius-Maximilians-Universität, Würzburg, Germany

State Exam in Education and Teaching (2008) Magna Cum Laude.

Concentration: History, English as a foreign language, Political Science.

M.A. Summa Cum Laude (2007)

Concentration: Contemporary History, Medieval Studies, North American Studies.

2004-2005

Davidson College, North Carolina, USA.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

Editorship together with Annika Mattiseck, "Green Cities and its Futures."

Contamination Guaranteed. America's Hazardous Waste in Global Perspective. Second Book Project.

Editorship together with Heather Ellis, "Educational Networks, Educational Identities: Connecting 'National' and Global Perspectives." Thematic Cluster, Journal of Global History, 11: 3 (November 2016).

#### POSITIONS IN ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

**University of** Elected member of the faculty committee.

Freiburg **FU Berlin** 

Elected gender-equality officer at the John F. Kennedy Institute.

### MONOGRAPH

Wiring the World. The Social and Cultural Creation of Global Telegraph Networks. Columbia Studies in International and Global History. Edited by Matthew Connelly and Adam McKeown, New York: Columbia University Press, 2016.

#### PEER-REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

"Cut Holes and Sink 'em: Chemical Weapons Disposal and Cold War History as a History of Risk," in "Risk as an Analytical Category. Selected Studies in the Social History of the Twentieth Century." Special Issue, Historical Social Research 41 (2016): 1, pp. 263-286.

"The "Flying Dutchmen": Ships' Tales of Toxic Waste in a Globalized World," in Christof Mauch (Ed.) "Out of Sight, Out of Mind: The Politics and Culture of Waste," RCC Perspectives: Transformations in Environment and Society 2016, no. 1, pp. 13-20.

"Telegraphy and the 'New Woman' in Late Nineteenth-Century Europe," in Valerie Schäfer and Benjamin G. Thierry (Eds.) Connecting Women. Women, Gender and ICT in Europe in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century, Springer 2015, pp. 27-46.

"Beyond the Means of 99 Percent of the Population: Business Interests, States Intervention, and Submarine Telegraphy," Journal of Policy History (2015): 27, pp. 439-462.

With Heidi Tworek, "The Telegraph and the Bank': On the Interdependence of Global Communications and Capitalism, 1866-1914," *Journal of Global History* (2015): 10, pp. 259-283.

With Heidi Tworek, "Editorial – Communicating Global Capitalism." *Journal of Global History* (2015): 10, pp. 203-211.

With Heidi Tworek, "Introduction: The Governance of Global Communications," *Journal of Policy History* (2015): 27, pp. 405-415.

"Umwelt- und Klimapolitik in den USA: lokale Interessen und globale Verantwortung," in Christian Lammert, Markus Siewert, Boris Vormann (Eds.) *Handbuch Politik in den USA*, Springer 2014.

"Wiring the Pacific. North American Perspectives on a (De-) Colonial Project," in Eva Bischoff, Norbert Finzsch, Ursula Lehmkuhl (Eds.), *Provincializing the United States. Colonialism, Decolonization, and (Post)Colonial Governance in Transnational Perspective*, Universitätsverlag Winter, 2014.

"Chess by Cable. On the Interrelation of Technology and Sports in the Making of the Modern World," *ICON* (2014): 2.

"Geographien der Globalisierung. Die Kabelstation von Heart's Content, Neufundland zwischen globaler Integration, lokaler Fragmentierung und sozialer Differenzierung," in *Technikgeschichte* (2013): 80, pp. 51-70.

"Working the Nation State: Submarine Cable Actors, Cable Transnationalism and the Governance of the Global Media System, 1858-1914," in Isabella Löhr and Roland Wenzlhuemer (Eds.), *The Nation State and Beyond. Governing Globalization Processes in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century*, Springer Press, 2012.

"By Atlantic Telegraph'. A Study on *Weltcommunication* in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century," in *medien & zeit* (2010): 25, pp. 40-54.

"The Transatlantic Telegraphs and the Class of 1866. Transnational Networks in Telegraphic Space, 1858 – 1884/89," in *Historical Social Research* (2010): 35, pp. 237-259.

#### **EDITORSHIPS**

Together with Heidi Tworek, "Imagined use as a category of analysis: new approaches to the history of technology, History and Technology 32 (2016): 2.

Together with Peter Itzen "Risk as an Analytical Category: Selected Studies in the Social History of the Twentieth Century. Special Issue. *Historical Social Research*. 41 (2016): 1.

Together with Heidi Tworek, "Communicating Global Capitalism," Special Issue *Journal of Global History* (2015): 10.

Together with Heidi Tworek, "The Historical Governance of International

Communications," Special Issue Journal of Policy History (2015): 27.

Together with M. Michaela Hampf, *Global Communication Electric*. Actors of a *Globalizing World*, Frankfurt: Campus, 2013.

## **FURTHER PUBLICATIONS**

"Wie eine Leiter zum Mond." Zeit. July 2016.

"Die lange Leitung," in Hilmar Schmundt, Milos Vec, Hildegard Westphal (Eds.), *Mekkas der Moderne. Pilgerstätten der Wissensgesellschaft*, Köln: Böhlau, 2010.

*Translations and Transcriptions* for "I did not interview the Dead" by David P. Boder; Project by Professor Werner Sollors, Harvard University and the Illinois Institute of Technology, published 2011 by Heidelberg University Press.

"Porthcurno. Das Kommunikationszentrum am Ende der Welt," Spiegel Online, http://www.spiegel.de/wissenschaft/mensch/0,1518,705352-2,00.html. 2010.

"Die transatlantische Telegraphenverbindung und die Verkabelung der Welt. Epistemische Gemeinschaften und kulturelle Netzwerke im maritimen Raum, 1858-1914", in *Rundfunk und Geschichte* (December 2009).

Together with Henriette Rytz "Gemeinsames Europa, gemeinsame Geschichte, gemeinsames Erinnern?" in: *AdHoc international* vol. 6 (September 2009).

"Convention in Dada: Baroness Elsa von Freytag-Loringhoven and her German poems in the *Little Review*," in: *ELM: A Journal of Undergraduate Research* Nr. 1 (Fall 2004).

Reviews in H-Soz-Kult and *Technikgeschichte*.

#### GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & PRIZES

2010	6	Elected	l Fellow	at the	Center fo	r Interdis	sciplinary	Research	(ZIF	), L	Jniversi	ty of	: Bi	elef	eld
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**2016** DFG Emmy Noether Junior Research Group.

Maria Gräfin von Linden Prize, Verband Baden-Württembergischer Wissenschaftlerinnen, Prize for best presentation on *Hazardous Waste – a global bestseller?* 

FRIAS, University of Freiburg, *Project Grant* for the implementation of an interdisciplinary summer school and workshop on *A Green City Mandate? Promises and Pitfalls of Urban Environmental Planning since the 1970s*.

2014/15 Center for Advanced Studies, Junior-Fellow in Residence, LMU, Munich.

Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Junior Fellow-in-Residence-Fellowship, Munich.

2014 MuT: Mentoring and Training for Women in Academia, Ministry for Science and

Education, Baden-Württemberg.

2013 Fritz Thyssen Foundation Conference Grant.

2012 Foundation for German-American Academic Partnership.

> German Historical Institute. Fellowship in Residence for North American History, Washington D.C. (March – August 2013).

Fulbright Summer Academy Fellowship in San Francisco and Washington D.C.

(September 2012).

Freie Universität Berlin, Center for Area Studies Post-Doc Stipendium (declined).

2010 Einstein Fellowship, Berlin.

Smithsonian Museum Research Grant, Washington D.C. (July – September 2010).

2009 DAAD research fellowship for doctoral candidates. Research conducted in Great

Britain, USA, Canada, and France (March – November 2009).

Humanity in Action Fellowship, Warsaw, Poland and New York. 2008

(June – July 2008, October 2009).

2006 DAAD Fellowship for Master students. Research at Harvard University (August –

October 2006).

2004-05 Davidson College – Julius-Maximilians Universität Würzburg Exchange

Fellowship.

## **CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION**

Co-organizer, Green City, Doctoral Summer School and International Symposium, **July 2016** 

Co-organizer, Ecology and Economy. On the History of a Relationship, University

University of Freiburg

**November** 

2015

of Freiburg.

**August 2013** Co-organizer, Actor-Networks between 'Global Markets' and 'the Nation', 1650-

1950, Freie Universität Berlin.

March 2013 The Intellectual Foundations of World Co-organizer, Commerce and

Communications, Harvard University.

**February** 

2011

Co-organizer, Global Communication Electric, Freie Universität Berlin.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Summer 2016

Albert Ludwigs Universität Freiburg, History Department

B.A. Seminar: Coca Cola Nation. The United States and Global Capitalism

B.A. Seminar: Natives and Newcomers.

Fall 2015/16 B.A. Seminar: Religion in Colonial America

B.A. Seminar: The United States in the Civil Rights Era

Fall 2014/15 B.A. Seminar: American Exceptionalism. Exploring American National Identity.

B.A. Seminar. Iconic Nation. Images of America in the World during the

American Century.

**Summer 2014** B.A. Seminar: Breaking News, Making Headlines. Nachrichten und Journalismus

in den USA, 19.-21. Jh.

B.A. Seminar: Slavery and the Old South.

Fall 2013/14 B.A. Seminar: Major Issues in American Indian History, 1890-2010.

B.A. Seminar: Die Amerikanische Revolution in globaler Perspektive. Eine

Annäherung in Quellen.

Fall 2012/13 Freie Universität Berlin, John F. Kennedy Institut for North American Studies,

**History Department** 

M.A. Seminar "Colonial America in Global Perspective."

**Summer 2012** | B.A. Seminar "Major Issues in American Indian History, 1890-1990."

M.A. Seminar "The United States and National Socialism, 1930s – 1990s."

Fall 2011/12 B.A. Seminar "Around the World in 80 Days. Americans, Technology and World

Travels, 1860-1930."

Summer 2010 | B.A. Seminar together with Heidi Tworek, Harvard University, "America on the

Move. Technology and the American Nation."

## **MEMEBERSHIPS**

<b>Since 2014</b>	American Historical Association
<b>Since 2012</b>	Humanity in Action Germany, Board.
<b>Since 2010</b>	ENIUGH European Network in Universal and Global History
<b>Since 2008</b>	Humanity in Action Senior Fellow Network Germany (Board)
<b>Since 2008</b>	DGfA Deutsche Gesellschaft für Nordamerikastudien
<b>Since 2007</b>	BAA Bavarian America Academy
<b>Since 2006</b>	DAAD Alumni Network

#### LANGUAGES

English (near-nativeness), German (native language), French (Intermediary) Spanish (Beginner A2), Latin.